GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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PACKAGE FOR DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Punjab has sent a package proposal to the Union Government for development of Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) and (b) : Yes, Sir.

Chief Minister, Punjab, in his D.O. letter No. PA/CM-2001/Spl -14 dated 1.6.2001, has requested Prime Minister for sanctioning the undermentioned projects (termed as Special Package) :

(i) Rural Drinking Water Supply Project costing Rs. 125.00 crore.

(ii) Water Supply and Sewerage System for small and medium towns with estimated cost of Rs. 85 crore.

(iii) Environmental Improvement of Rural Scheduled Caste Habitats with estimated cost of Rs. 213.00 crore.

(iv) Enhancement of Grant for Border Area Development Programme with estimated cost of Rs. 40 crore.

(c): The Ministry of Rural Development has examined the relevant proposals and intimated to the State Govt. inter alia, that :

(i) As the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) is an allocation based programme, there is no provision for additional assistance / special package under the programme.

(ii) The scheme for Environmental Improvement of Rural Scheduled Caste Habitats costing Rs. 213 crore does not satisfy the conditions / guidelines under the CSS of Augmented Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) as well as under Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP). However, Planning Commission has sanctioned an Additional Central Assistance of Rs. 10 crore to the Govt. of Punjab in the current year for Scheduled Caste Welfare Programmes in the State.

The scheme of Water Supply and Sewerage System for small and medium towns is under scrutiny in the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation.

No additional fund for allocation under Border Area Development Programme (BADP) is available to meet the enhanced requirement of Rs. 40 crore as proposed under BADP. Further, State Govt. has not yet sent the details of schemes under the proposed programme.